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C O N F I D E N T I A L GABORONE 0114

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SUBJ: BOTSWANA COMMENTS ON NAMIBIA

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH MINISTER STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
MOGWE ON RHODESIA (REPORTED SEPTTEL), I NOTED THAT SECURITY
COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER NAMIBIA AGAIN IN MAY AND THAT THE U.S.
WOULD WELCOME BOTSWANA'S VIEWS ON THIS ISSUE.

2. MOGWE SAID ATTENTION WAS NOW BEING DEVOTED TO RHODESIA
BUT NAMIBIA WOULD BE THE NEXT TARGET. PRIME MINISTER VORSTER
HAD BEEN TOLD THIS IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS. MOGWE COMMENTED THAT
OAU RECOGNIZES ONLY SWAPO. SOUTH AFRICANS HAD PURSUED A POL-
ICY OF DIVIDE AND RULE IN NAMIBIA AND SOME TRIBES SUPPORTED
VORSTER AS EVIDENCED DURING THE RECENT OVAMBO ELECTIONS.

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3. MOGWE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT VORSTER IS SOFTENING ON

NAMIBIA. VORSTER RECOGNIZED HE COULD NOT WORK FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA WITHOUT DOING THE SAME THING FOR THE PEOPLE IN NAMIBIA. AFRICAN LEADERS WOULD PROBABLY MAKE AN EFFORT TO UNIFY THE VARIOUS FACTIONS IN NAMIBIA AS IN ANGOLA RHODESIA AND MOZAMBIQUE. MOGWE SAID THAT IF SOUTH AFRICAN COMPLIANCE UNDER RESOLUTION 366 WAS UNSATISFACTORY THE AFRICANS WOULD PROBABLY CONDEMN SOUTH AFRICA IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND RETURN HOME AND CONTINUE SEARCH FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION.

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